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G.O. No. MS 2967 P. H

Dated 31st August 1948

[Despatch Abstract.]

FOOD ADULTERATION : PULSES : KHESARI GRAM : KHESARI DHALL AND THEIR PRODUCTS : IMPORT INTO PROVINCE : PROHIBITION OF : ACTION UNDER MADRAS PUBLIC HEALTH, CITY MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES ACTS : PRESS NOTE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH : PAPERS : RECORDED.

Copy of letter No.CG.603(2)-I dated the 23rd June 1948 from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Food, New Delhi, addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Food Department, Madras.

Sub: IMPORT of Kesari gram or dhall or its products into Madras Province and from abroad into India.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.29825-C/46.18 dated the 1st March 1948 on the above subject and to say that the question as to whether Lathyrism is due to Khesari or Vicia Sativa is under investigation and the research on the subject is still going on in the Ministry of Agriculture. However, to be on the safe side the Food Ministry have instructed the Chief Controller of Imports to exclude Khesari gram or dhall or its products from the Import Programme of pulses from abroad and not to issue any licences therefor

As regards paragrahs 2 and 3 of your letter under reference, the Madras Government is not competent to issue any order under Act XXIV of 1946 to prohibit the import of Khesari gram etc., into their province. All orders issued by that Government relating to pulses other than gram have imso facto been rendered inoperative by Government of India Notification No.CG-603(2)-VI(2) of 15-11-1947. The Government do not also propose to redelegate powers to the provinces to issue such orders under Act XXIV of 1946 in respect of pulses. The Government of India, have, therefore, no objection for the formal cancellation of the Madras Khesari dhall (Prohibition on Import) Order, 1945 by the Madras Government. It may be added that the Madras Government would still be competent to take such action regarding khesari ~~dhall~~ gram and its products as thev deem fit under section 108 of the Madras Public Health Act.

(True copy) Sd Superintendent

Education & Public Health dept.

Draft. I. GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Press Note No. 200 dated the 24th August 1948.

The Government are advised that Khesari gram, Khesari dhall and their products are unwholesome and unfit for human consumption and are harmful to the health of the people. The public and prospective importers of these articles are therefore informed that the sale, or the exposure or hawking about for sale, or the keeping, storage or preparation for sale, of these articles will constitute an offence under Section 108 (1) (b) of the Madras Public Health Act, 1939 and that action is libale to be taken under Section 314 of the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919 or section 274 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920 in respect of such dealing with those articles in the Madras city or in municipal areas.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education & Public Health Department.

Memorandum No. 55370/48.6F P.H. dated the 25th August 1948.

Draft II

Sub: PULSES - khesari gram, khesari dhall and their products - Prohibition of import into the province.

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A copy of the Press Note No. 200 dated the 24th August 1948, on the above subject is communicated to the Director of Public Health. He is requested to issue necessary instructions to all Health Officers requesting them to take action under Section 108 (1) (b) of the Madras Public Health Act, 1939 and Section 314 of the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919 and section 274 of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920 against the storage, exposure for sale, etc., of khesari gram, khesari dhall and their products.

2. The Director of Public Health is informed that merchants who have purchased the dhall in question and its products through court sales in cases filed before the courts have been permitted by the Government to sell the stuff in any manner they liked. The intention of the Government is that the sale of these quanitities should not be interfered with, under the instructions in paragraph 1 above and that only stocks acquired by merchants otherwise than by court sales or imported by them in future should be dealt with as directed in the previous paragraph. The Director of Public Health can obtain lists of merchants who hold stocks purchased in Court sales and the quantity held by each from the Collectors of the several districts.

Sd/. .....
Jt. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Health.
Copy to the Surgeon-General.
Copy to the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies).
Copy to the Food Department.

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The papers may now be recorded for future reference.
G.O.(Ms)No.2967 dated 31-8-1948.

Superintendent,
Madras Records Office, Egmore.

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